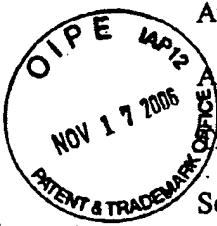


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 11, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 11, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

No Amendments to the Claims are presented in this paper. A complete listing of current claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.